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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Donald R. Gilbreath

Date: September 16, 2005

Examiner: Dunwoody, Aaron M.

Serial No.: 10/723,126

Group Art Unit: 3679

Docket No.: C02-085A

For: HYDRAULIC HOSE FITTING
AND METHOD

AMENDMENT B

Via Fax: (571)273-8300
The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Group Art Unit 3679
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

AMENDMENT B
and RESTRICTION ELECTION

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of April 4, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-5. This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a Petition for Extension of Time, and the requisite fees. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.